

request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation “Motion to Seal.” The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1. It appears that the requirements of LCvR 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been adequately met.

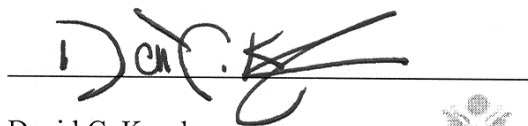
By the instant motion, Defendant seeks to file “Defendant’s Reply Brief In Support Of Motion For Summary Judgment” (Document No. 29) under seal. (Document No. 28). Defendant contends that the Reply includes confidential information from a city employee’s personnel file that is protected from disclosure pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-168. (Document No. 28-1, p. 2).

Having considered the factors provided in LCvR 6.1(c), the Court will grant the motion to seal. Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local Rule 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that “Defendant’s Motion To Seal” (Document No. 28) is **GRANTED**. Document No. 29 shall remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall file a redacted version of its Reply on or before **May 8, 2023**.

Signed: May 3, 2023



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge